

Reformation Sunday

Of the Land and Seasons

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Faith-Bethany Partnership or Trinity-Bethel Partnership

*Two partnerships, four campuses drawn together, worshiping across boundaries
within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



Introduction

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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Two Partnerships, Four Campuses

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You Are Received Here, as you are

We are **partnerships, worshiping across Ishpeming** – serving Ishpeming and its surrounding neighborhoods. Rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe God’s grace is for all people and all creation, calling us into lives of compassion, justice, service, and hope.

Whoever you are, whatever your story or questions, you are free to listen, to join in as you are able, and to be met by the living presence of God. Whether you are new to church, returning after time away, carrying faith or doubt, or joining us from a distance — **there is space for you here.**

Our services are livestreamed to extend that welcome beyond these walls. Our camera remains focused on the chancel and worship leaders. We do our best to protect the faces of children, and we ask for your grace knowing we cannot control every moment. Questions or concerns about our livestream? Please speak with a pastor or worship leader.

From the earliest days of the Church, God’s people gathered in different places while sharing one faith, one mission, and one Spirit. Bethany, Faith, Trinity and Bethel share a long history of cooperation and pastoral connection — what we are living into now is a faithful renewal of a way of being church that has served this place before. As part of the ELCA and the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we join the wider church in ministries of mercy, justice, and accompaniment within and beyond our local context.

This Is How We Honor One Another Here

Being received into this community also means receiving one another with care. We are all learning together what it means to protect the dignity, image, and trust of every person who gathers here. These are not rules imposed from outside. They are the values of the Gospel, finding expression in how we treat one another every day.

We ask consent before photographing, recording, or sharing the image of any person — including children — in any public or online space.

We keep confidence. Private communications belong to those who shared them, and are not ours to forward or share without permission.

We name harm. We will not go along to get along. We extend grace to one another in learning, while holding one another accountable with honesty and love.

Honoring the Land

With gratitude and humility, we acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg — the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples — who have stewarded this region since time immemorial. We honor their enduring presence and commit ourselves to walk gently on the earth and seek right relationship with all our neighbors.

One community. Four campuses. Many gifts. One body in Christ.

Grace and peace to you: welcome.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand, as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW 504)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

(Cantor/Choir) *We pray for peace, O Lord, make plowshares of our swords, make plowshares of our swords, hear us when we cry to you...*

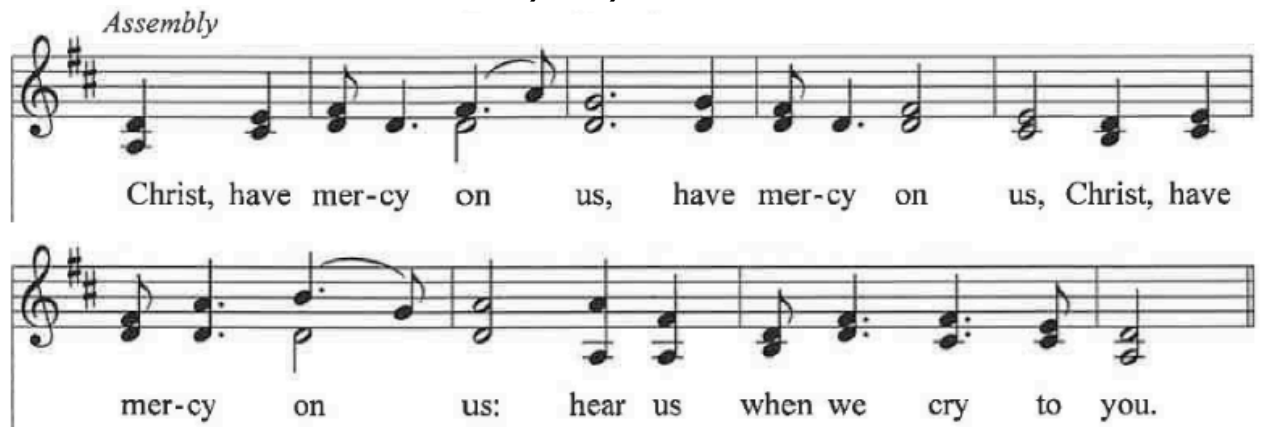
Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

(Cantor/Choir) *Christ, make us grow in grace until we see your face, until we see your face, hear us when we cry to you...*

Assembly



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

(Cantor/Choir) *Defend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and root it in your word, hear us when we cry to you...*

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our *rit.* cry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, **we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A sermon for the young, and young at heart; come forward as you wish to engage a story and the wonder of faith.

PRAYER SONG



NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

The noisy offering, for October, supports the 4ISH Social Ministry team.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 46

We will chant the psalm, in unison.



- ¹ God is our ref-¹ uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;
- ³ though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹ y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.
- ⁷ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields
with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION

1 O God, whose word well - plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred -
2 O God, of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient

fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to
rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest its
field will test with truth the proud - est that

those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will

scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where
Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that
van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and

oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, o Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON



Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Alone Be Praised (ACS 1023)



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Silence is kept for preparation.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. We lift up our Siblings who have invited us into prayer partnership, either silently or aloud, now... .. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

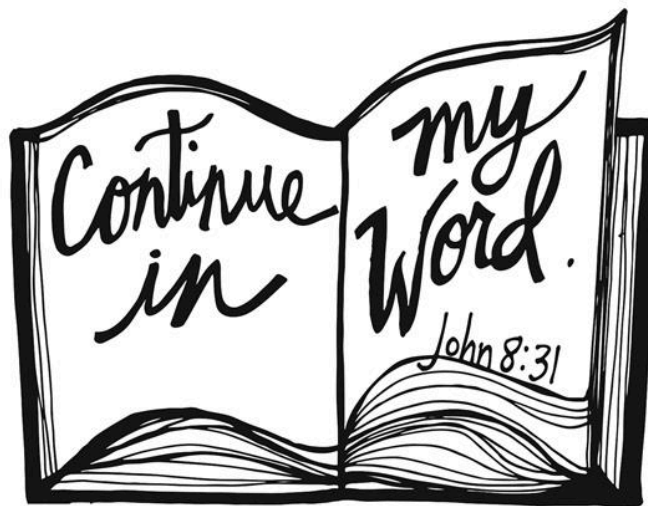
With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Ways to support ministries here at, and in, Ishpeming:

Bethel



Faith-Bethany



Trinity



- For Faith-Bethany: You may prefer a one-time or recurring donation by **texting ASSIST to 844-920-4105**; be sure to have your preferred method of sharing ready.
- Use these **QR Codes**. Open your camera app on your phone, place the QR code in the center of your camera's view-field, and select the Vanco link that appears!
- Offerings will be assigned to the campus you name, or by the affiliated envelope you use. You may designate a specific partnership building online; or designate offerings by applying a note of intent, or reaching out to the office, by phone or email, and expressing your intent with your name and amount offered.

We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, together.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
we praise your name and join in adoring song...

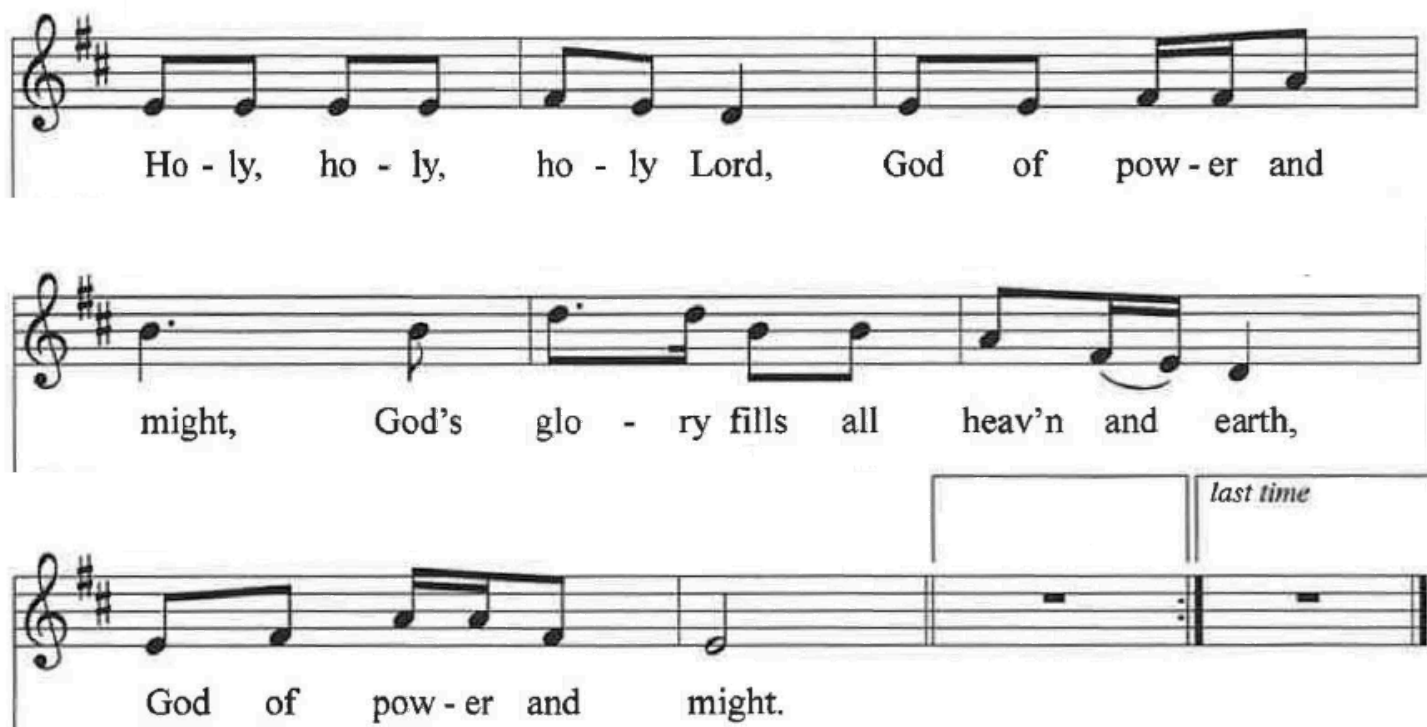
SANCTUS

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

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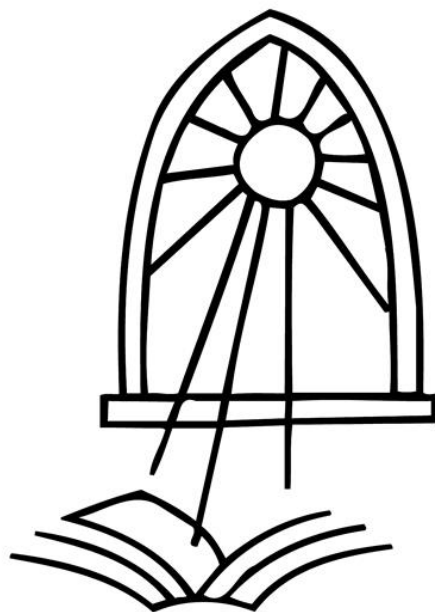


COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator...

United by your Spirit with all your people,
 we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,
 to you, our Source and our Goal,
 our Sun and our Shield,
 our God now and forever.

Amen.



LORD’S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words of the Lord’s Prayer that speak loudest to you, and experiencing the rhythms of the Spirit that speak to each of us, creating both dissonance and resonance. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**O Great Spirit, our Father from
above, we honor your name as
sacred and holy. Bring your good
road to us, where the beauty of your
ways in the spirit-world above is
reflected in the earth below. Provide
for us day by day—the elk, the
buffalo, and the salmon. The corn,
the squash, and the wild rice. All the
things we need for each day. Release
us from the things we have done
wrong, in the same way we release
others for the things done wrong to
us. Guide us away from the things
that tempt us to stray from your
good road, and set us free from the
evil one and his worthless ways. Aho!
May it be so!¹**

¹ Wildman, Terry M.. First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament (p. 10). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever. **Thanks be to God!**

AFFIRMATION OF THE SPIRIT’S PRESENCE FOR ONLINE AND RADIO

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

We celebrate an open table in this community; all are welcome and all ages are welcome. Children recognize when they are being excluded, and if they reach out their hands our Pastors will include them because Christ invites the whole community to participate. An outstretched hand at this Table is enough understanding to celebrate participation. Our communion bread is gluten free, and egg free is available. Grape juice and wine are both available in each celebration; grape juice is a clear liquid, wine is reddish in color.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to

save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from

on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.



SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION *The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729)*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew

Listen, God Is Calling (ELW 513)

POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

May the body and blood of Christ, Risen Savior, strengthen ☩ and keep us.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the ☩ body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the ☩ interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming Commemorations

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Monday, October 26, 2026

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Reformation Day

Saturday, October 31, 2026

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

OUTLOOK: Faith Ventures

An outreach publication of the 4ish

Hearing the concerns of the community, we want to open lines of intentional communication by offering a thread of information similar to that of our newsletters. This offering is in hopes of opening dialogue with your leaders and teams planning ministry. Take this portion home with you to review, discern, and dialogue with as you follow your heart into spaces we create together for the good of the community we are called to serve. Pass the information to a friend, or loved one who you think might just have a gift that simply needs a path of connection.



Copies of Pastor's sermon manuscripts are available every Sunday, near the bulletins wherever we are worshipping. If you would like them emailed to you, reach out to the Pastors to be added to an email list that will deliver a copy of the sermon, after worship each Sunday.



We operate with 4 Councils, meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM, at the Bethany Campus. We strive to build paths of connection for all of us to walk together and recognize that the breadth of what we're

doing is big, and new. So, in the spirit of transparency and hope, we want to invite you to join us in healthy curiosity by requesting copies of our story and minutes (if you can't join us on Tuesdays; meetings are open to you!) through your Office Administrators. We are happy to share, with you, the written record of our consents, motions and actions and invite your discernment and dialogue with us.

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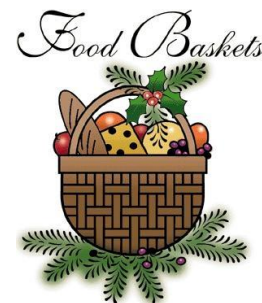
Quake



This is a 3 night trip to the Wilderness Resort and Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells for youth to experience fellowship with a full day at the waterpark followed by a weekend of worship and learning at a Christian youth Conference.

- ☐ When: February 11th (@ 3pm) - 14th, 2027
- ☐ For 6th - 12th grade students
- ☐ Cost: \$100 non-refundable registration fee (Full cost is paid for by fundraiser/church support)
- ☐ Deadline: Sunday, November 1st.

Food Donation Bags will be distributed at the 4ISH worship on November 8th @ Bethel. Food bags for Christmas meals will be collected through the month of November. Bags can be returned to any of the 4ISH campuses or dropped off directly to St.Vincent DePaul store in Ishpeming.



Attend the NMU vs. MI TECH hockey game with your 4ISH siblings!

- ★ **When: Saturday, January 23rd, 2027, 6PM**
- ★ **Where: Berry Events Center**
- ★ **Sign up at Bethel!**

We're coming together! The 4ISH Social Ministry seeks Additional Members

What is Social Ministry?

Social Ministry is a committee that meets once monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bethany Campus, under the current leadership and spiritual guidance of MaryEllen Peterson, at 10:30AM. The group receives funding through the 'noisy offering' funds and fellowship donations. It provides the 'goodies' and serves fellowship once monthly, on average. The ministry brings hope and promotes emotional healing by collecting and distributing food for our neighbors and homebound; sending 'handmade' cards made by the Card Ministry to homebound Siblings; and offering additional gifts include giving, mercy, compassion: each playing a part in sharing and asserting God's love, prepared by the Spirit to serve the community.



We will be counting our gifts with our neighbors through some new and exciting translations of former traditions across our communities! **Come and be excited, with us, about partnership with our non-profit partners serving the houseless, engaging our neighbors for holiday joy, and deeper partnership with local efforts combatting food insecurity in our own town.** Contact MaryEllen Peterson or JoAnn Manty for more information/questions. Hope to see you helping us serve our community with giving, mercy and compassion through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.



Celebration of Closing Events for Trinity Lutheran Church:

Sunday, November 15th	10am worship	Rev. Dr. Joel Wight Hoogheem
Sunday, December 13th	6pm	Night of Christmas Music Coffee Fellowship to follow
Saturday, December 19th	3pm-4:30pm	Meet & Greet with Pastor Skrenes
Sunday, December 20th	10am	worship Rev. Thomas Skrenes
Sunday, January 10th	10am	worship Rev. Sharolyn Swenson
Sunday, January 24th	10am	worship Bishop Katherine Finegan
Sunday, January 31st	12:30pm	Building Blessing & Storytelling
Sunday, February 7th	10am	worship Closing Service for Trinity Members
	2pm	Closing & Decommissioning Service



In Remembrance of the 51 Men Lost
 Barnes–Hecker Mine Disaster
 An Ecumenical Memorial Expression in partnership

November 3, 1926

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November 1, 2026

hosted by the 41SH ELCA Congregations of Ishpeming, Wesley United Methodist Church, and the Catholic Parish of Saint John's and Saint Joseph's, in partnership with the Barnes Hecker 100th Anniversary Committee.

Sunday, November 1, 2026. 2PM. 715 Mather Ave.
 Online and In Person.



Thank you for your support! ~ from the Bethany campus!

Your generosity helped us donate 94 school kits this year! The quilters also made and donated 145 quilts! We raised \$1,643.00 for the CROP Walk!

***Daylight Savings Time
ends 2:00AM
November 1st***



Upcoming Services

01-Nov, 10AM	Faith	Bethel
08-Nov, 10AM	4ISH at Bethel Campus	
15-Nov, 10AM	Bethany	Trinity

All Saints Sunday - November 1

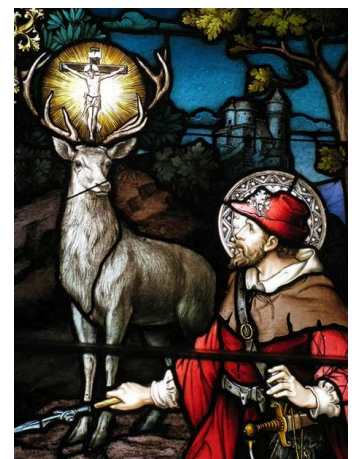
We will be honoring the Saints we have lost in the past year on Sunday, November 1. You may bring photos of your loved ones who have passed and place them on the tables provided at the Faith and Bethel campuses.

Blessing of Hunters

November 8th at 4ISH Worship (at home in Bethel).

All are welcome.

All are invited to wear blaze orange to worship.



A Community of Leaders

Trinity-Bethel Ministry Team Leaders

Christian Education:	Jennifer Juntunen – bethelishsundayschool@gmail.com
Social Ministry:	Kay Herrala – kay.herrala@gmail.com
Property (Bethel):	Bud Hart - hhart9873@gmail.com
Property (Trinity):	Peter Johnson - pojohanson43@gmail.com
Worship & Music:	<i>Team Leader needed</i>
Youth:	<i>Team Leader needed</i>
Finance (Trinity):	Kris McDonnell– mskrm68@aol.com
Finance (Bethel):	Anne Giroux – giroux_anne@hotmail.com

Faith-Bethany Ministry Team Leaders

Spiritual Education:	Abbey Hollinshead - faithspiritualeducation@bethanyishpeming.org
Finance (Bethany):	Cheryl Sleeman
Finance (Faith):	Laura Korte
Social Ministry:	Maryellen Peterson
Stewardship:	Addy Lemire
Worship and Music:	Denise Kaukola-Mason
Property (Bethany):	Bruce Bussone
Property (Faith):	Kathy Richards

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Trinity and Bethel Administrator:	Bethellc333@gmail.com	906-485-5533
Bethany Administrator:	secretary@bethanyishpeming.org	906-486-4351
Pastor Tim Johnston:	tdjohnst@gmail.com	563-581-0929
Pastor J. Michael Mills:	pastor@jmichaelmills.org	443-846-9203

	Bethel Council:	Trinity Council:	Faith Council:	Bethany Council:
President:	Bud Hart	Rosemary Larson	Abbey Hollinshead	Dave Leverton
VP:	Steve Nelson	Adele Price	Kurt Penrose	Addy Lemire
Secretary:	Anne Giroux	Robbie Powelson	Jolene Silva	Denise Kaukola-Mason
Treasurer:	Anne Giroux	Jan Grove	Laura Korte	Cheryl Sleeman
	Bill Seppanen	Jim Kippola	Karen Perrault	Don Hurrell
	Carol Watts	Tim Kubas	Anne Poirer	Bruce Bussone
	Earl Eliason		JoAnn Manty	Heather Swanson
	Kathleen Smith		Donna Kroon-Harris	
	Laura Kantola		Lois Ombrello	

OUR LEADERS IN PARTNERED MINISTRY

Pastors:	J. Michael Mills and Tim Johnston
Presiding:	Pastor Tim Johnston
Preaching:	Pastor J. Mills
Lector:	Bill Seppanen
Music Director:	Donna Poirier
Organist/Accompanists:	Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell, Marty Achatz
Cantor:	Beth Achatz
Driver:	Bud Hart

CALENDAR

Today

Reformation Sunday - 4ISH Worship

9:00A Choir practice, Trinity Campus
10:00A 4ISH Partnership Worship/Online, Trinity Campus

Monday

5:45P Cardio Drumming, Bethel Campus

Tuesday

9:00A Quilters, Bethany Campus
11:00A Quilters, Faith Campus
11:00A Bible Study at Bethel Campus
1:00P Rachel's Circle, Bethel Campus

Wednesday

9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group, Bethany Campus
1:00P Prayer Shawls, Bethel Campus
6:00P Choir Practice, Bethany campus

Thursday

9:00A Quilters, Bethel Campus

Sunday

All Saints Sunday

9:00A Choir practice, Faith & Bethel Campus
10:00A All Saints Sunday Partnership Worship, Faith & Bethel Campus
11:00A Fellowship

Church Office hours **Bethany** Campus

Monday 10:00A - 4:30P
Tuesday 10:00A - 3:30P
Wednesday 10:00A – 11:45A, 1:45P - 4:30
Thursday 10:00A-3:00P

Church Office Hours **Bethel** Campus

Tuesday 9:00A - 3:00P
Thursday 9:00A – 3:30P

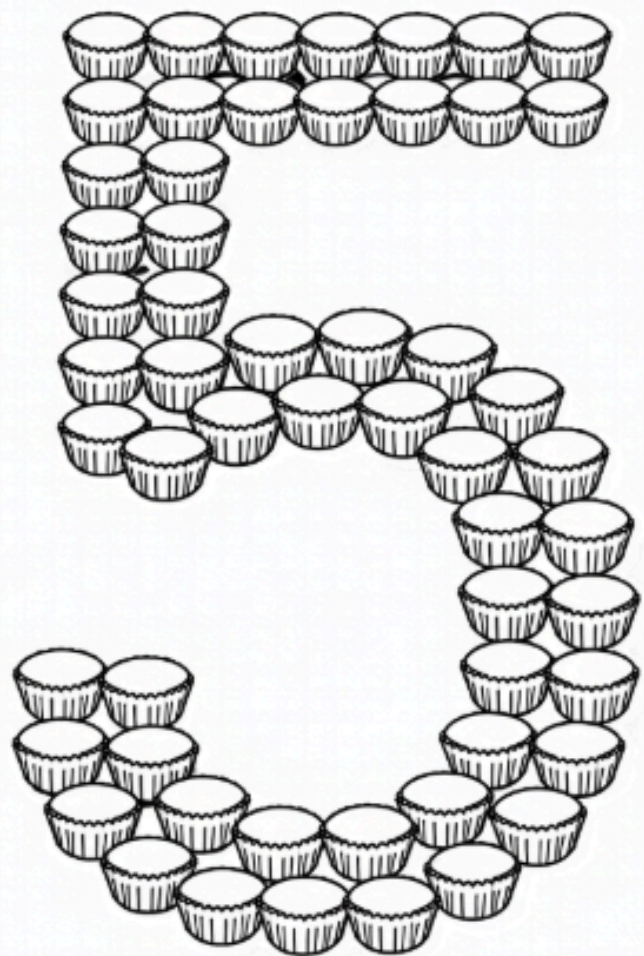
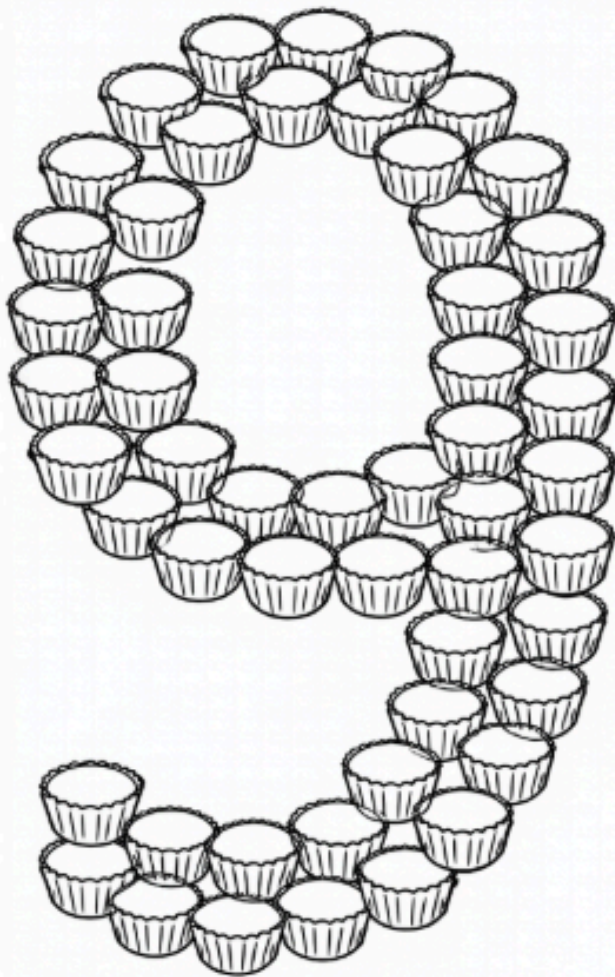
Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see the Pastors.





Reformation Day

95 Theses



**“We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is
never alone.” ~ Martin Luther**